STATEMENT—*Concld.*

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Saharanpur (24-3-91—3-4-91) . . .	10	465
Varanasi (18—22-5-91)	10	346
Kanpur (19—23-5-91)	18	446
Meerut (20—23-5-91)	30	804
Sikandrabad (Distt. Bulandshahar) (20—22-5-91)	11	197
WEST BENGAL		
Nadia (11-3-91)	7	Not available
Asansol (20—22-4-91)	11	Not available

Five Nation Conference on Nuclear Weapons in South Asia

629. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan had made a proposal for a five nation conference consisting of the U.S., the Soviet Union, China, India and Pakistan to discuss the issue of nuclear weapons in South Asia; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pakistani proposal does not take into account the fact that nuclear non-proliferation has a global dimension and does not lend itself to a solution based on a narrow bilateral or regional approach.

Government have always been prepared to enter into consultations with Pakistan or any other country to work for the implementation of the phased programme for elimination of nuclear weapons in a time bound framework, as outlined in the Action plan presented by India at SSOD III.

Prospecting Licences for minerals in Madhya Pradesh

630. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are huge deposits of Limestone, Dolomite and Bauxite in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Madhya Pradesh Government have submitted any proposal for issuing prospecting licences for the above minerals;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(d) whether the Government propose to exclude these minerals from Schedule-I to avoid delay in issuing licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The number of proposals received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for grant of prospecting licences for limestone,